

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/14/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23,26 and 27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance              |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. E. M. Robbins on September 2, 2005 . The amendments were made to clarify the process and the apparatus recited in the claims.

In claim 1, line 14, after "the", --maintaining of said side panels in their position relative the bottom and top panels throughout a portion of the channel corresponding to said deflector assembly and-- has been inserted.

In claim 11, after line 2, the following new paragraph has been inserted:

--apparatus for associating a group of articles with a partially erected carton blank;--.

in line 5, "a" has been replaced with -- said --; and

in line 14, after "assembly", --maintaining said side panels in their position relative the bottom and top panels throughout a portion of the channel corresponding to said deflector assembly and-- has been inserted.

In claim 14, line 19, after "assembly", --maintaining said side panels in their position relative the bottom and top panels throughout a portion of the channel corresponding to said deflector assembly and-- has been inserted.

In claim 26, line 14, "formed" has been replaced with --folded--; and  
in line 15, after "group", -- while maintaining of said side panels in their position  
relative the bottom and top panels throughout a portion of the channel corresponding to said  
deflector assembly -- has been inserted.

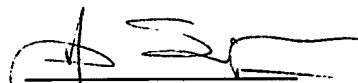
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Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to **Examiner John Sipos**  
at telephone number **571-272-4468**. The examiner can normally be reached from 6:30 AM to  
4:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's  
supervisor, Mr. Rinaldi Rada, can be reached at **571-272-4467**.

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